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[Despatch Abstract.]

Newspapers - Kanarese weekly entitled Navayuga - Publication of false news - Publisher warned.

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Ref. No. 3675--36--B--3.

South Kanara District Magistrate's Office,

Camp: Pallikere, dated 30th July 1936.

From

Khan Bahadur Muhammad Humayun, Sahib Bahadur, B.A.

District Magistrate,

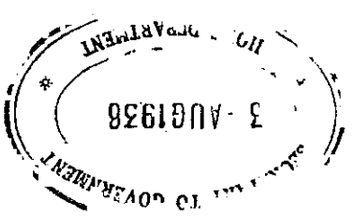
South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home Department,

Madras.



Sir,

Newspapers--Kanarese--"Navayuga"--Issue dated 23rd July 1936--Publication of false news--brought to notice.

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I submit herewith a translation of an article published in the issue dated 23rd July 1936, of the Kanarese weekly newspaper entitled "Navayuga". No tom-tom of the kind referred to in the article was ever made by anybody. As a result of the warning given in that article to the public, the false rumour that was afloat here and there in the town about alleged thefts, was believed by many to be quite true and on the 25th July when there were benefit cinema shows in aid of the King George V Memorial Fund at 3 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. many ladies and school children had to deny themselves the pleasure of attending them. The District Superintendent of Police is of opinion that the said article was published in order to make it appear that the Police in the town had not been working efficiently. He believes that the ill-will against the Police was due to a prosecution launched against a relative of the Editor of the local paper called "Kanteerava" for leaving a car unattended on a public road.

2. Mr. H. Ramanna Nayak, the printer and publisher of the

Newspaper "Navayuga" in which the article appeared was asked by me to state on what authority he had published the false news. He expresses regret for having published it and promises to publish in the next issue of the newspaper -- that it is false. I enclose a copy of his letter dated 27th July 1936.

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3. The Editor of this newspaper was warned in January 1935 for the publication of some objectionable matter vide Government Memorandum No. 1301-1, Confidential, Public (General) Department dated 25th January 1935. I request perusal of Mr. Gawne's letter dated 2nd February 1936, to the Chief Secretary to Government regarding some other article in this paper. I recommend that Government may be pleased to warn the printer and publisher for his having published the recent article, referred to in paragraph 1 above.

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Your obedient servant,

M Ahmad 30/7

District Magistrate.

Translation of the article 3/
at page 6 of the Navayuga of 23rd July 1936.

Warning to people:-

Of late, thefts and robberies have increased in Bolar, Kankanady and other places in the town. At Bolar a youth was killed and his body put into a well. Several persons who were going alone have been suddenly stopped, frightened and robbed by force of all they had. A rumour has arisen that several thieves have come down from Malabar. As the troubles of these thieves are increasing, it has been published by tom-tom that persons should not go out much after 7 p.m.

(True translation).

Copy of a letter dated 27th July 1936 from H. P. Nayak, Printer and Publisher, Navayuga, Mangalore, addressed to the District Magistrate, South Kanara.

Ref: 3675-B2-C-36.

With reference to your letter dated 26th July 1936, I beg to state that some of our Press workmen gave me to understand that the public have been warned by tom-tom not to stir from their houses after 7 p.m.

After receiving your letter and on further enquiry, I find it is false. I very much regret for the incident. We shall publish in our next issue that it is false.

I kindly request you to excuse me for having published the same.

South Kanara Dt. Magistrate's Office,
Camp: Pallikere, Dated 30th July 1936.

M Ammayya 30/7
District Magistrate.

Subject :- Newspapers - Kanarese - Navayuga
Issue of 23.7.1936 - Publication
of false news - Issue of a warning.

6. I-2 CF. (C.No. 1859C) From the D.M. of South Kanara, Rly No. 3675-36
30th July 1936.

Please see the letter from the D.M. of South Kanara on pages 1-2 CF.
An English translation of the article complained against is on page 3 CF.
Particulars of the paper Navayuga are in the statement at flag (S.)

page 2 CF. 2. The D.M. recommends that a warning may be issued to the printer and publisher for having published the article on page 3 CF. The article does not fall under any of the classes in Sub-Section (1) of Section 4 of the Indian Press (E.P.) Act, 1931, and is not actionable under any other provision of the Press Act. This paper has come to notice before. On one occasion the D.M. was authorised to warn the editor vide memo on page 8 of (D) In the case at (H) the D.M. was informed that

vide Sections 3-4 of the Act (Printing)

page 6 of (H)

the

the Govt. did not propose to take any action against the paper. In ordering whether in the present case any action is necessary the printer and publisher has already expressed regret and promised to issue a contradiction.

Vide letter mp. 3 C.F.

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The word "King" might possibly be brought under 4(1)(c) of the Act.

p 4 of the Act put up

The [illegible] may be directed to warn the publishers

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Home (Pol) Dept

D.O. No. 1859 C-1 Dt 18. 8. 1936

My dear Khan Bahadur,

Newspapers - Kanarese - Navayuga - Issue Dt 23.7.1936 - Publication of false news - Issue of a warning - Ref your letter Ref. No. 3675-36 - B-2 Dt 30.7.1936.

With reference to your letter quoted above, I am directed to ask you to have up the publisher and warn him that if the publishers such matter in future, the question of demanding security will be considered.

Yours Sincerely

17/8/36

17.8.36

To

Khan Bahadur Muhammad Humayun,
Sahib Bahadur, B.A.,
S.D.M. of South Kanara.

Please see the S.O. on page 3 ante.

The S.P. has not reported further in the matter. The papers may be recorded in a G.O. for facility of future reference.

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2.9.36

G.O. No 2109 dt 3.9.1936
Mr.

Abstract

Newspapers - Kannada weekly "Navayuga" - Publication of false news - Publisher warned. (Compdl)

Statement of newspapers and periodicals published in the Madras Presidency, etc., during the year 193

5,000—8-2-33.

No.	Name of newspaper or periodical.	Language of publication.	Place of publication and press at which printed.	Name of keeper of press and date of declaration under section 4 of Act XXV of 1867.	Daily, weekly or otherwise	Annual subscription.	Circulation.	Name, race, age (and in the case of Hindus, caste) and antecedents of the proprietor.	Name, race, etc., of the editor.	Name, Race, etc., and date of declaration under section 5 of Act XXV of 1867.		General remarks as to tone, influence, etc.
										Publisher.	Printer.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	Navayuga	Kanarese	Kanara Printing Works, R.S.No.596, Kasba Bazaar village, Mangalore.	H. Ramanna Nayak, 23rd August 1921.	Weekly	Rs. 2--8--0	1,300	K. Muttayya Shetty, Hindu, Bunt, 57 years; good.	K.K. Shetty, Hindu, Bunt, 32 years; good.	H. Ramanna Nayak, Hindu, Bunt, 39 years; good. 20th December 1932.	Publisher is the printer. 23rd August 1921.	A nationalist weekly, occasionally pro-Govt. Tone usually moderate, but sometimes vehement.